



Governor Kim Reynolds
Lt. Governor Adam Gregg
San Wong, Director

Iowa Commission on the Status of Women Quarterly Meeting

Saturday, August 27 · 12:00 p.m.

The Playhouse

831 42nd Street

Des Moines, Iowa 50312

Google Meet: <https://meet.google.com/vbv-opdf-qak>

Present:

Beth Coonan, Sherill Whisenand, Andrew Lauver, Esperance Nibizi, Dr. William Fleming,

Absent: Matthew Gilbert

Staff: San Wong, ex-officio, Monica Stone, Kim Cheeks and Maria Guevara

Call to order: 12:01 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve agenda was made by Lauver seconded by Whisenand. Approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Approval for June 8, 2022 and July 8, 2022 minutes by Whisenand seconded by Lauver. Approved unanimously

2022 Iowa Women's Hall of Fame debrief

Whisenand thanked everyone who helped set up for the event. The venue was well liked by guests. Eric Hanson, reporter donated his time to host. Commissioners report Hanson made the event more professional.

Whisenand asked if there was anything that could be improved. Coonan reports one guest suggested sending out a notice earlier. Due to not having a full commission there was a delay in setting up the ad hoc committee for the Women's Hall of Fame so notices were delayed this year.

A former inductee voiced preference for an invitation via mail. Some older guests are not as tech savvy and would prefer a hard copy. The commission discussed we could do a save the date notice in the future. Lauver reported spending time with honorees prior to introducing them on stage helped with nerves, but also made for a more personal introduction.

Michael suggested maybe next time we have a bag for the inductees. They have too many things to hold. Also have a designated table for honorees so they can be greeted after the reception. Commissioners also discussed having a full rehearsal besides a tech one. Having inductees write a short paragraph to share after being awarded was moving.

Old/New Business

Whisenand requests someone join the National Association of Commissions for Women, NACW.

Department Update

Stone asked what should be the next data focus. Coonan would be interested in how the pandemic has affected women. Tina Shaw, data officer; is currently working on a project but once finished can set up a working session on items they would like to discuss. Dr. Fleming reports he would be interested in participating in the session.

Monica reports a few cities; Cedar Rapids, Dubuque, Ottumwa and Waterloo have expressed interest in participating with the Talent Bank as pilots for openings on their boards. In the future the League of Cities will help with helpdesk functions. The Department will be presenting in Ottumwa soon on this topic. A commissioner asked what are the difference between civil and human rights boards. A human rights board is voluntary and are more meditative bodies. Mason city will be getting training as well.

A data dashboard focusing on persons with disabilities and employment is being completed. Once published it could help organizations with applying for grants and redistribution of services.

Representative Charles Isenhardt; Monica reports Representative Isenhardt would like to set up an environmental health and equity bill. It could help fund a position housed in Human Rights. The commissioners report they would like to learn more about this initiative.

Select commission orientation date Presentation

Commission agreed to add the commission orientation to an agenda item for our next meeting.

Adjourn 1:27p.m.

Prepared by Maria Guevara